

Equine Entry Requirements (Horses, Ponies, Donkeys, Mules, Burros, and Zebras)

Entry Documentation (9 CFR § 86.5, FAC 9641.5, 9641.6)

Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI): Required. Animals must be inspected within 30 days of movement into the state.

CVI Exemptions (When **Not** Changing Ownership):

Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (EECVI): California accepts the six (6)-month GlobalVetLink [EECVI](#) in lieu of the standard 30-day CVI.

- [EECVI guide for vets](#)
- [EECVI guide for owners](#)

Working Horse Permit (WHP): Horses moving exclusively for livestock husbandry or for other ranch-related activities may apply for a WHP to travel between California and Nevada or Idaho. Approved WHP [applications](#) are valid for up to one (1) calendar year. Please call the Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at (916) 900-5052 for more information.

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Testing: California requires evidence of a negative EIA test (also known as a Coggins) performed at a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved laboratory within 12 months before entry into the state.

EIA Exemption: Nursing foals less than six (6) months of age being moved with an EIA test negative dam.

Note:

- Pending EIA tests are not acceptable.
- The CVI **must** list the sample date of the EIA test, name of the laboratory that performed the test, laboratory accession number, and the test result.

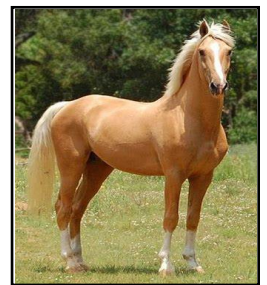


Official Identification (ID) (9 CFR § 86.4)

Official ID must be included on the CVI.

Acceptable forms of official ID include:

- Digital photographs sufficient to identify the individual equine (pictures of both sides, front, and back).
- A description to identify the individual equine including, but not limited to: registered name, age, breed, color, sex, distinctive markings, and unique permanent forms of identification (e.g. brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, blemishes, or iris scans).
- Microchips:
 - USDA-compliant 134.2 kHz (ISO 11784/11785) microchips
 - All 125 kHz and 128 kHz microchips implanted prior to March 2014



See CDFA's factsheet: "[Equine Official Identification](#)" for detailed information on approved types of official ID for equids.

If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please have the information readily available on your device or print and present a hard copy to the inspector at the Border Protection Station.

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For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

- [Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#)
- [CDFA AHB Entry Requirements Interactive Website](#)
- [InterstateLivestock.com](#)



For more information about the Animal Health Branch, please visit: www.cdca.ca.gov/ah